



# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS

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## FOR SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN COUNTIES

GRANT, GREEN, IOWA, LAFAYETTE, RICHLAND, & ROCK

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### JUNE LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced that 64 of Wisconsin's 72 counties had lower unemployment rates in June of 2004 than June of 2003.

"Wisconsin is doing very well under Governor Doyle's leadership. For the fifth consecutive month, most Wisconsin counties reported lower unemployment rates than one year ago," Secretary Gass-

man said. "We are pleased that Wisconsin's labor market picture continued to show improvement last month, yet we recognize that not everyone who is seeking employment has found work."

market, caused 61 counties to experience an increase in their June unemployment rates over the prior month, although eight counties showed a monthly decrease and three counties were unchanged in June. When compared with one year ago, the lower June 2004 numbers are good news for the state's overall employment picture.

Menominee County reported the highest unemployment rate last month at 13.2 per-

cent, an increase over the May rate, but improved from one year ago. On the low end, Dane County, on a not seasonally adjusted basis, was at 2.7 percent compared to 2.5 percent in May, but still down from a year ago when the rate was at 3.0 percent. Of the state's major metropolitan areas (MSA), nine had lower unemployment rates, one remain unchanged, and one had an increased rate. When compared to June 2003, all 11 Wisconsin MSAs showed improved rates. June's nonfarm wage and salary estimates show that nine of the 11 metropolitan areas had total industry employment tallies higher than in May and that ten of the 11 had an annual increase in their job totals. The single MSA not to show an annual increase in its number of jobs was Janesville-Beloit, which showed no overall change in its job total.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Janesville-Beloit MSA	Wisconsin (000s)	United States (000s)
<b>Current month: June 2004</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	79,200	3,117.9	147,279
Employment	74,200	2,963.0	139,031
Unemployment	5,000	154.9	8,248
Unemployment rate	6.3%	5.0%	5.6%
<b>Change from one month ago</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	-100	2.3	305
Employment	100	5.6	259
Unemployment	-100	-3.3	45
Unemployment rate	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%
<b>Change from one year ago</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	400	36.8	362
Employment	500	55.8	1,358
Unemployment	-100	-19.1	(997)
Unemployment rate	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.7%

*Note: All estimates are preliminary and based on place of residence.*

The increased number of job seekers, a normal occurrence in June as students and graduates enter the labor

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June 2004	Grant	Green	Iowa	Lafayette	Richland	Rock	Region	Non MSA's *	Wisconsin
<b>Civilian Labor Force**</b>	26,112	18,420	15,254	7,617	9,130	81,042	157,575	76,533	3,175,261
Employed	24,900	17,495	14,725	7,218	8,623	75,605	148,566	72,961	3,012,282
Unemployed	1,212	925	529	399	507	5,437	9,009	3,572	162,979
Unemployment rate(%)	4.6	5.0	3.5	5.2	5.6	6.7	5.7	4.7	5.1
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***</b>	19,400	14,400	11,800	3,600	6,100	68,100	123,400	55,300	2,868,800
Total Private	14,600	12,300	10,300	2,520	5,100	59,500	104,300	44,800	2,459,000
Goods Producing	3,500	3,600	1,200	580	2,000	18,100	28,900	10,800	656,400
Service Producing	15,900	10,800	10,700	3,020	4,200	50,000	94,500	44,500	2,212,400
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	700	500	600	170	200	3,100	5,200	2,100	138,300
Manufacturing	2,800	3,000	600	410	1,800	15,000	23,700	8,700	518,100
Trade	2,700	3,100	6,300	700	1,100	12,900	26,800	13,900	446,300
Transportation & Utilities	400	300	300	180	100	2,500	3,800	1,300	326,900
Financial Activities	1,100	400	200	210	200	2,200	4,300	2,100	161,000
Education and Health Services	2,400	2,100	1,000	300	800	8,700	15,200	6,500	373,800
Leisure & Hospitality	1,700	1,200	900	230	500	6,400	11,000	4,600	270,600
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	2,700	1,600	500	330	400	8,700	14,300	5,600	442,800
Total Government	4,830	2,080	1,490	1,080	1,080	8,600	19,200	10,600	409,800
Federal	170	100	90	70	60	300	800	500	29,500
State	1,570	40	110	40	150	400	2,300	1,900	90,100
Local	3,090	1,940	1,290	970	870	7,900	16,100	8,200	290,200
<b>Change from one month ago</b>	<b>May 2004</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force**</b>	260	560	490	100	80	1,900	3,400	1,500	76,400
Employed	140	500	470	60	30	1,300	2,470	1,200	60,800
Unemployed	120	60	20	50	50	600	930	300	15,600
Unemployment rate(%)	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS)***</b>	-200	220	220	-40	-90	400	500	100	35,000
<b>Percent change NFWS last month</b>	-1.0%	1.6%	1.9%	-1.1%	-1.4%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	1.2%
Total Private	100	200	200	30	0	500	1,100	600	45,100
Goods Producing	0	100	100	10	0	300	500	200	17,000
Service Producing	-200	200	200	-50	-100	100	0	-100	18,000
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	40	30	30	10	10	100	200	100	7,300
Manufacturing	0	30	20	0	20	200	300	100	9,700
Trade	10	80	110	0	-10	100	300	200	5,800
Transportation & Utilities	-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,100
Financial Activities	20	10	0	0	0	100	100	0	1,600
Education and Health Services	10	10	-20	0	0	-200	-200	0	-1,600
Leisure & Hospitality	10	40	60	10	10	100	200	100	12,800
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-20	20	20	10	0	100	100	0	7,200
Total Government	-270	10	10	-70	-140	-100	-600	-500	-10,100
Federal	-10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
State	-430	0	10	0	-50	-100	-600	-500	-10,200
Local	170	0	-10	-70	-90	0	0	0	-100
<b>Change from one year ago</b>	<b>June 2003</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	280	90	1,460	210	330	400	2,800	2,400	34,800
Employed	490	330	930	300	230	400	3,200	2,800	54,100
Unemployed	-210	-240	30	-90	100	0	-400	-400	-19,300
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.9	-1.4	-0.1	-1.3	1.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS)***</b>	-40	-10	1,000	30	20	-200	800	1,000	45,000
<b>Percent change NFWS last year</b>	-0.2%	-0.1%	9.2%	0.7%	0.3%	-0.3%	0.6%	1.8%	1.6%
Total Private	100	0	1,000	80	100	-100	1,200	1,300	54,500
Goods Producing	-100	-100	0	-20	0	-900	-1,100	-200	9,200
Service Producing	100	100	1,000	40	0	700	1,900	1,200	35,800
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	30	10	-10	10	10	-200	-100	100	700
Manufacturing	-150	-100	-30	-30	40	-700	-1,000	-300	8,500
Trade	-120	40	990	20	-30	700	1,600	900	13,500
Transportation & Utilities	-10	10	-20	0	0	-200	-200	0	8,000
Financial Activities	20	10	10	0	0	100	100	0	2,300
Education and Health Services	110	-20	50	20	60	-200	0	200	9,000
Leisure & Hospitality	90	50	10	10	10	200	400	200	7,900
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	110	10	30	50	10	200	400	200	12,200
Total Government	-120	-20	-40	-60	-80	-100	-400	-300	-9,500
Federal	0	0	-10	0	0	0	0	0	-500
State	-20	0	10	0	-10	0	0	0	-6,600
Local	-100	-10	-30	-50	-70	-100	-400	-300	-2,400

\* Five counties, excluding Rock County \*\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2003